

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5, and 7-10 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 are now cancelled. Claims 2, 5, and 7 are now amended. The claim amendments are fully supported by the application as filed and do not present new matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Specifically, the Office Action objects to Figure 6B because this figure does not include the designation "Related Art."

Applicant now attaches a revised drawing sheet for the Examiner's approval. In the Replacement Sheet, Figure 6B is designated as "Related Art." The revised Figure 6B overcomes the drawing objection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

TITLE/SPECIFICATION

The Office Action objects to the title as allegedly not being clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The Office Action suggests that the title be amended to recite, ELECTRO-OPTIC DEVICE HAVING MULTI-LAYER CONDUCTIVE LAYER, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS. Applicant now amends the title as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukuyoshi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,249,082).

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are now cancelled. Therefore, this rejection is now moot. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2, 5, and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukuyoshi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,249,082) in view of Mizuno et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,522,378). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 2 is now amended to recite, in part and with reference to Figure 4C for exemplary purposes only, external wiring provided outside the material-sealed region comprising the underlying conductive layer 218A formed directly on the transparent conductive layer 218C. Similarly, independent Claim 5 is now amended to recite, in part and with reference to Figure 4C for exemplary purposes only, a step of forming a transparent conductive layer 218C directly on the underlying conductive layer 218A in a second region out of the material-sealed region.

The Fukuyoshi et al. reference appears to disclose, with reference to Figure 5, a transparent electrode 52 formed over a reflective type electrode plate 51 in a material-sealed region. The transparent electrode 52 is not formed directly on the reflective type electrode plate 51. The Fukuyoshi et al. reference fails to recite details of external wiring provided outside of the material-sealed region, as set forth in amended Claims 2

and 5. The Office Action acknowledges that external wiring details are not provided at page 4. Therefore, the Fukuyoshi et al. reference fails to disclose or alone suggest each and every feature of amended Claims 2 and 5.

The Mizuno et al. reference appears to disclose, with reference to Figure 4, a reflection type electrode provided outside the material-sealed region comprising Al terminal electrode 17 and Ti layer 18. A transparent electrode 13 is provided in the material-sealed region. The Mizuno et al. reference fails to disclose or alone suggest a transparent conductive layer formed directly on an underlying conductive layer outside of a material-sealed region, as set forth in amended Claims 2 and 5. Therefore, the Mizuno et al. reference fails to disclose or alone suggest each and every feature of amended Claims 2 and 5.

Because the Fukuyoshi et al. and the Mizuno et al. references fail to alone disclose or suggest each and every feature of amended Claims 2 and 5, combination of these references fails to suggest each and every feature of amended Claims 2 and 5. Specifically, combination of the Fukuyoshi et al. and the Mizuno et al. references fails to render obvious a conductive layer formed directly on a transparent layer in a region outside of a material-sealed region, as set forth in amended Claims 2 and 5. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this Section 103 rejection of amended Claims 2 and 5 and those claims dependent therefrom.

Claim 7 is now amended to depend from amended Claim 5. Amended Claim 7 is fully supported by the application as filed and does not add new subject matter. Amended Claim 7 is not disclosed or suggested by the art of record and is in a condition for allowance at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to amended Claim 5.

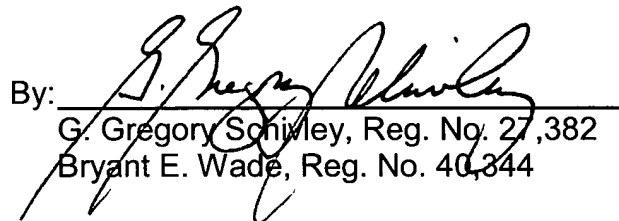
Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of amended Claim 7.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached Replacement Sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 6B to add the designation "Related Art" to the caption of Figure 6B. The attached Replacement Sheet, which includes Figures 6A and 6B, replaces the original sheet including Figures 6A and 6B.